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22nd November 1918.

My dear Sir, A.S.

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I submit herewith an un-official letter dated the 19th instant from Mr. Denham, regarding the affairs of the Marimallappa's School. Mr. Denham, in his letter, refers to three points, viz.,

(1) the termination of the differnces about Mr. Venkatakrishnayya's retirement,

(2) appointment of a successor to Mr. Venkata-krishnayya, and

(3) proper arrangements for the efficient management of the school in future.

As regards the first point, the question has been satisfactorily settled by the retirement of Mr. Venkatakrishnayya which has been facilitated by the action of the Committee. But Mr. Denham writes to say that Mr. Reddy is likely to demand further action on the Auditor's report. So long as nothing of a fraudulent or criminal nature is disclosed in the Auditor's report, it does not seem to be worthwhile pursuing the controversy. If the Inspector General of Education thinks that any action is necessary, he might be asked to refer the matter for the orders of Government. After the receipt of his report, the matter may be dealt with on its merits under the orders of His Highness.

The second point refers to the appointment of a successor

to Mr. Venkatakrishnayya. At the request of the Committee and on the recommendation of the Inspector General of Education, Government have already sanctioned the loan of an officer and the Committee may be advised to adhere to this arrangement and accept the successor nominated by Government for a period of one year. The arrangement may be considered at the end of that period when, it may be expected, there would be a calmer atmosphere.

As regards the third point, it seems necessary to examine the constitution and working of the present Committee in order to ensure more efficient management of the institution in future. The suggestion that the school may be taken over under Government management is an extreme one. No Government would think of taking over the management of any institution started so long ago by private enterprise. The better course seems to be to take steps to revise the constitution of the Committee and see that the Committee does not go to sleep for years, as it did before, and wake up suddenly into furious activity.

Mr. Denham also states in his letter that the Honorary Secretary threatens to take the matter to Court again on the ground that the finances of the institution cannot bear the extra charge involved by the appointment of a Government officer as Head Master. But this, he may be effectively prevented from doing by the Committee overruling him. Further, it is not likely that the Court will view

with favour an application of the kind contemplated by the Secretary.

I have made the above suggestions for the gracious consideration of His Highness as I feel that they will effectively end this trouble and place the working of an important institution in the Capital on a satisfactory footing.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly submit the matter to His Highness and communicate His Highness' orders at an early date.

Yours Sincerely,
M. Visvesvaraya

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Private Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

Hon the Dewan's note minute the following remarks:—
How can I reconstitute the Committee? Must I have to frame rules. My rules.
Karkala Municipal Committee passed the Resolution from Councillors and not through any of the Members. They are at the mercy of the "Opposition" in the Committee.
My Dewan suggests. A temporary measure would be: on the application of the Committee I appoint Executive Officer in a few cases for the benefit of the School. Rao 23/11